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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9950

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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TAGS: SENV, SF

SUBJECT: SUPERTANKER COLLISION OFF SOUTH AFRICAN COAST

REF: A) STATE 301063; B) PRETORIA 6906

1. WE SPOKE TO CAPT. ROBERTSON AGAIN AT 11.30 AM.M. LOCAL TIME
DECEMBER 19 UPON HIS RETURN FROM RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT.
HE HAD OBSERVED A VERY THICK SLICK SOUTH OF PLETTENBURG BAY
ABOUT 9 MILES OFF COAST. IT IS ABOUT 3 AND ONE HALF MILES
LONG AND ONE MILE WIDE. IT IS MOVING EASTWARD AND IS BEING
DISPERSED WITH USE OF CHEMICALS. NOTHING WAS OBSERVED ON
BEACHES AND CHANCES FOR AVIODING SERIOUS SHORE POLLUTION HAVE
IMPVORD.

2. ROBERTSON SAID BOTH SHIPS ARE NOW 50 MILES OFF COAST AND HE
DID NOT KNOW IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER LEAKAGE.

3. ALL PARTIES IN LEGAL TANGLE OVER SALVAGE ARE NOW MEETING
IN PORT ELIZABETH, INCLUDING SOEKOR (SAG OIL EXPLORATION
COMPANY), COURT LINES HELICOPTERS AND OFFICIALS OF VENOIL INC.
OF NEW YORK.

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4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST OF PLANS RE NOAA RESEARCH TEAM. ALSO,
DOES DEPARTMENT WANT CONTINUING REPORTS ON OIL SPILL? BOWDLER

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